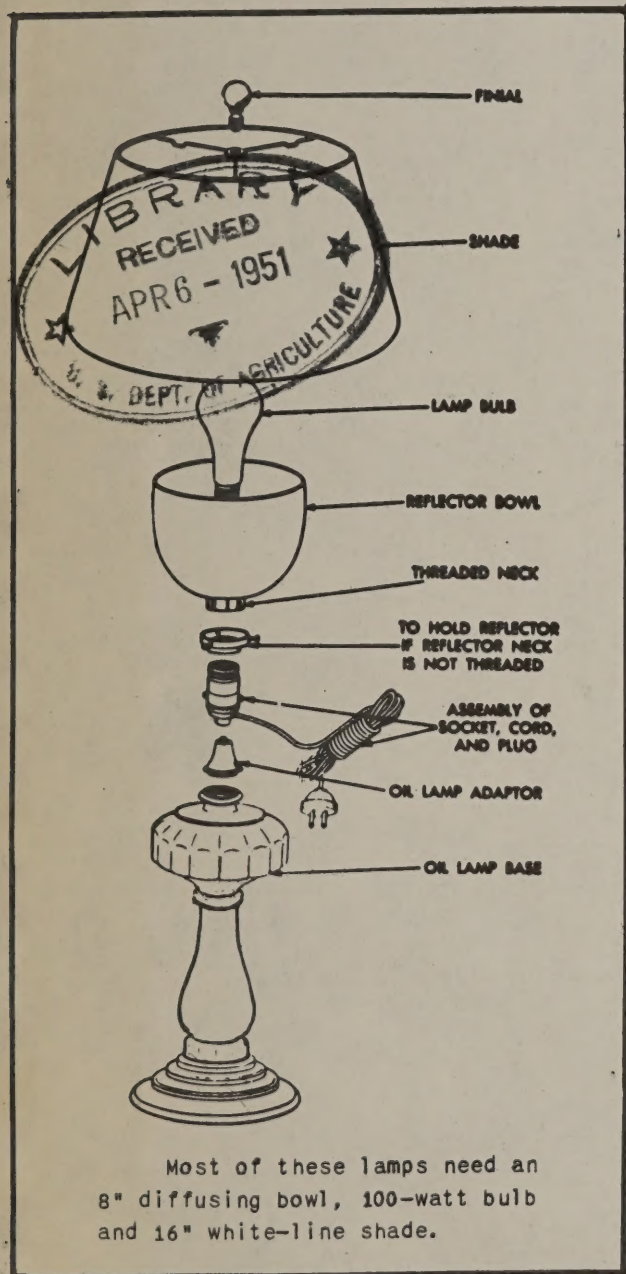


CONVERT YOUR OIL LAMP FOR ELECTRIC USE

Old fashioned oil lamps can be converted into electric lamps with the aid of a few simple parts and materials, available in an electrical appliance, hardware or variety store.



If your oil lamp base is more than 11 or 12" high, you can remodel it into an efficient reading lamp with a diffusing reflector. Oil lamp adaptors that are threaded to screw onto an oil lamp base are made in three sizes: Number 1 — $7/8$ ", number 2 — $1-1/4$ ", and number 3 — $1-7/8$ ". Number 2 size is the most common.

Beside the adaptor, you will need a socket and cord assembly, lamp bulb, reflector, shade and finial. The adaptor, socket and cord may come as a complete unit.

You can fill the oil font with water tinted to harmonize with the shade or room decorations.

For most efficient spread of light, the bottom of the shade of your converted lamp should not be less than 14" from the table. If it is lower, you should set your lamp on a wooden stand that will bring the bottom of the shade to a point between 14 and 15" from the table. This stand can be stained or painted to match the shade or furniture.

An extremely short oil lamp cannot be converted into an acceptable reading light. This type of lamp is for decoration only; occasionally a pair, without diffusing bowls, can be used for dressing-table lamps.

Lamps can be made also from large bottles, vases, candlesticks, blocks of wood, etc. Unless your old lamp or vase is inherently beautiful, or has sentimental value, do not waste time and money converting it — the results may be disappointing. Usually the cost of conversion might be more profitably applied to buying a new lamp.

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